

# Into the Grassmannian

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# Prelude

Locality and Unitarity largely determines the S-matrix

$$A_n = \sum (\text{Feynman diagrams}) = \underbrace{\text{tree-level}} + \underbrace{\text{1-loop}} + \underbrace{\text{2-loop}} + \dots$$

- Is there other formulations where the form of a Lagrangian is not needed?
- How does locality and unitarity emerge in such formulation?
- How universal are such constructions?

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The on-shell variables form a representation for SUSY

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$$\mathcal{A}_n(\lambda_i, \tilde{\lambda}_i, \eta_i^I) = \langle G_1(\Lambda_1) G_2(\Lambda_2) \cdots G_n(\Lambda_n) \rangle$$

$$G(\eta) = A^+ + \eta^I \psi_I + \eta^I \eta^J \phi_{IJ} + \cdots + (\eta^4) A^-$$

SU(4) invariance  $\rightarrow$  degree  $4k$  polynomial in  $\eta$  ( $k$  negative helicity gluons)

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Half-Fourier transform:

$$\tilde{\lambda}_i \rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu}, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{\lambda}_i} \rightarrow \mu$$

The amplitude is now a function of twistor variables:

$$\mathcal{A}_n(\lambda_i, \mu_i, \eta_i^l)$$

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The generators are linear:

$$G^A{}_{\mathcal{B}} = Z^{\mathcal{A}} \frac{\partial}{\partial Z^{\mathcal{B}}} \quad Z^{\mathcal{B}} = (\lambda_i, \mu_i, \eta_i^l)$$

$$G^A{}_B = Z^A \frac{\partial}{\partial Z^B}$$

We want super conformal invariants:

$$G^A{}_B \mathcal{A}_n(\{Z_i\}) = 0$$

A simple solution

$$\mathcal{A}_n(\{Z_i\}) \sim \delta^{4k|4k} \left( \sum C_{\alpha i} Z_i \right)$$

$$C_{\alpha i} = \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & \cdots & \cdots & C_{1n} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} & \cdots & \cdots & C_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ C_{1k} & C_{2k} & \cdots & \cdots & C_{nk} \end{pmatrix}$$

Invariant under  $GL(k)$  rotations  $\rightarrow$  The space of  $k$ -planes in  $n$ -dimensional space.

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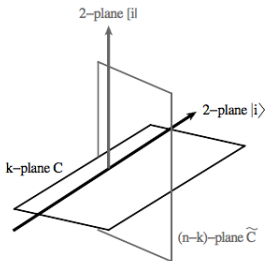
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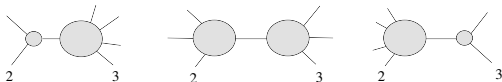
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$$\{M_6\} = \frac{\langle 62 \rangle^4 [35]^4}{\langle 6|1+2|3\rangle \langle 2|6+1|5\rangle [43][45] \langle 16 \rangle \langle 12 \rangle P_{612}^2}$$

$$\{M_2\} = \frac{\langle 24 \rangle^4 [51]^4}{\langle 2|3+4|5\rangle \langle 4|2+3|1\rangle [65][61] \langle 32 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle P_{234}^2}$$

$$\{M_4\} = \frac{\langle 46 \rangle^4 [13]^4}{\langle 4|5+6|1\rangle \langle 6|4+5|3\rangle [21][23] \langle 54 \rangle \langle 56 \rangle P_{456}^2}$$

These are precisely the BCFW terms:

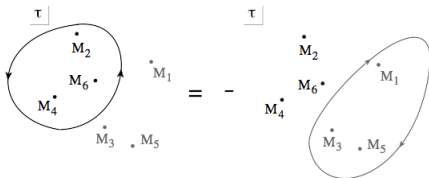


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The contours are localized by the minors  $\rightarrow$  linear dependency of columns in  $C_{\alpha i}$ .



Building blocks of amplitudes corresponds to cells of  $C_{\alpha i}$ ! (No linear dependency is a Top Cell)

Is there a microscopic explanation ? ( $k = 1, 2$ )

$$\int \frac{d^{(n-k) \times k} c}{\prod_{j=1}^n M_j} \left[ \prod_{a=1}^k \delta^2 \left( [a] + \sum_{l=k+1}^n c_{al} [l] \right) \delta^{(4)} \left( \eta_a + \sum_{l=k+1}^n c_{al} \eta_l \right) \right] \times \left[ \prod_{i=k+1}^n \delta^2 \left( [i] - \sum_{a=1}^k [a] c_{ai} \right) \right]. \quad ($$

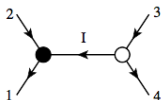
$$\begin{matrix} b & c & a \\ \left( \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & \alpha_b \\ 0 & 1 & \alpha_c \end{array} \right) & a \leftarrow \bullet & \begin{array}{l} \nearrow b \\ \searrow c \end{array} \end{matrix}$$

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MHV:  $\delta^2([b] + \alpha_b[a]) \delta^2([c] + \alpha_c[a])$ ,      anti-MHV:  $\delta^2([a] + \beta_b[b] + \beta_c[c])$

MHV  $|1\rangle \sim |2\rangle \sim |3\rangle$ ,       $\overline{\text{MHV}}$   $|1\rangle \sim |2\rangle \sim |3\rangle$

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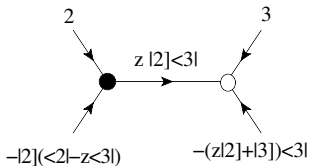


$$\int \frac{d\alpha_2}{\alpha_2} \frac{d\alpha_I}{\alpha_I} \frac{d\beta_4}{\beta_4} \frac{d\beta_I}{\beta_I} \frac{1}{U(1)} \delta^{2 \times 2}(C_i|i) \delta^{(4 \times 2)}(C_i \eta_i) \delta^{2 \times 2}(\tilde{C}_i|i)$$

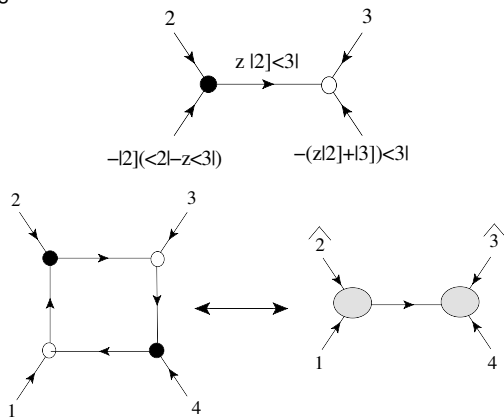
The bosonic constraints are simply

$$\delta^2(|2\rangle + \alpha_2|1\rangle), \quad \delta^2(|I\rangle + \alpha_I|1\rangle), \quad \delta^2(|3\rangle + \beta_4|4\rangle + \beta_I|I\rangle)$$

$$|I\rangle \sim |2\rangle, \quad |I\rangle \sim |3\rangle \rightarrow |I\rangle\langle I| = z|2\rangle\langle 3|$$

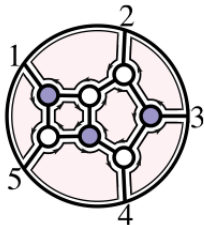


The BCFW Bridge:



Each BCFW term is a cell in the Grassmannian

5-pt amplitude



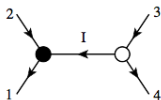
6-pt amplitude

$$\mathcal{A}_6^{(3)} = 2 \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 1} \\ \{4, 5, 6, 8, 7, 9\} \end{array} \right] + 2 \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 2} \\ \{3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10\} \end{array} \right] + 2 \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 3} \\ \{4, 6, 5, 7, 8, 9\} \end{array} \right]$$

The equation shows the 6-point amplitude  $\mathcal{A}_6^{(3)}$  as a sum of three terms. Each term consists of a circular Feynman diagram with six external lines labeled 1 through 6, and a set of internal line indices in curly braces. The diagrams are variations of the 5-point diagram structure, with different internal connections and line labels.

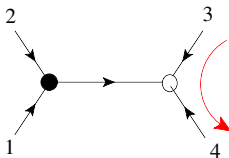


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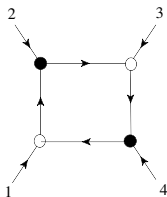
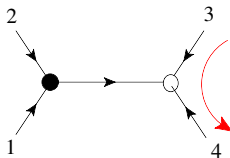


$$C_{ai} = \begin{pmatrix} & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \alpha_2 & & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\beta_I \alpha_I & 0 & & 1 & \beta_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

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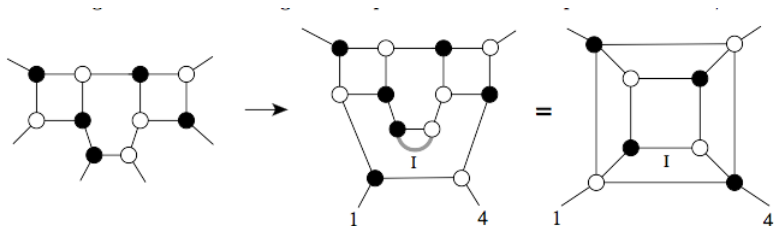


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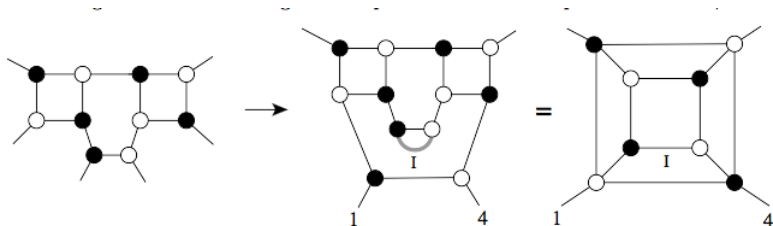
The four-point amplitude is a top-cell

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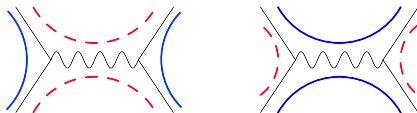
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$$\Phi(\eta) = \phi^4 + \eta^I \psi_I + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{IJK} \eta^I \eta^J \phi^K + \frac{1}{3!} \epsilon_{IJK} \eta^I \eta^J \eta^K \psi_4,$$

$$\bar{\Psi}(\eta) = \bar{\psi}^4 + \eta^I \bar{\phi}_I + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{IJK} \eta^I \eta^J \bar{\psi}^K + \frac{1}{3!} \epsilon_{IJK} \eta^I \eta^J \eta^K \bar{\phi}_4,$$

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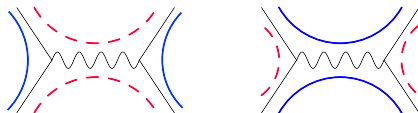
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2.  $\mathcal{N} = 8$  (BLG):  $SU(2)_k \times SU(2)_{-k}$  gauge fields ( $A^\mu, \bar{A}^\mu$ ),

SO(8) **adjoint** matter ( $\phi^{Iv}, \psi^{Ic}$ )

$$[T^a, T^b, T^c] = f^{abc}{}_d T^d$$

The known for  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM:

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As comparison to [ABJM](#):

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- The IR-divergence structure captured by BDS  $\rightarrow$  [Remarkably yes](#)
- The leading singularities is given by residues of  $Gr(k, n) \rightarrow$  [OG\(k,2k\)](#)s. [Lee](#)
- The amplitude has uniform transcendentality (\*)  $\rightarrow$  [True so far](#)

### Known unknowns:

1. Why is the IR-divergence (Dual conformal anomaly equation) the same? [Y-t, W. Chen, S. Caron-Huot](#)

$$\mathcal{A}_4^{2\text{-loop}} = \left(\frac{N}{k}\right)^2 \frac{\mathcal{A}_4^{\text{tree}}}{2} \text{BDS}_4$$

$$\mathcal{A}_6^{2\text{-loop}} = \left(\frac{N}{k}\right)^2 \left\{ \frac{\mathcal{A}_6^{\text{tree}}}{2} \left[ \text{BDS}_6 + R_6 \right] + \frac{\mathcal{A}_{6,\text{shifted}}^{\text{tree}}}{4i} \left[ \ln \frac{u_2}{u_3} \ln \chi_1 + \text{cyclic} \times 2 \right] \right\}$$

At four-point to all orders in  $\epsilon$  [M. Bianchi, M. Leoni, S Penati](#), exponentiation verified at three-loops [M. Bianchi, M. Leoni](#)

## Known unknowns: 2. Why is the amplitude non-analytic?

$$\mathcal{A}_6^{1\text{-loop}} = \frac{\mathcal{A}_6^{\text{tree}}}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ I_{\text{box}}(3, 4, 5, 1) + I_{\text{box}}(1, 2, 3, 4) - I_{\text{box}}(4, 5, 6, 1) - I_{\text{box}}(6, 1, 2, 4) \right] \\ + \frac{C_1 + C_1^*}{2} I_{\text{tri}}(1, 3, 5) + \frac{C_2 + C_2^*}{2} I_{\text{tri}}(2, 4, 6).$$

$$\rightarrow \mathcal{A}_6^{1\text{-loop}} = \left( \frac{N}{k} \right)^{-\pi} \frac{\mathcal{A}_6^{\text{tree}}}{2} \mathcal{A}_{6,\text{shifted}}^{\text{tree}} (\text{sgn}_c \langle 12 \rangle \text{sgn}_c \langle 34 \rangle \text{sgn}_c \langle 56 \rangle + \text{sgn}_c \langle 23 \rangle \text{sgn}_c \langle 45 \rangle \text{sgn}_c \langle 61 \rangle).$$

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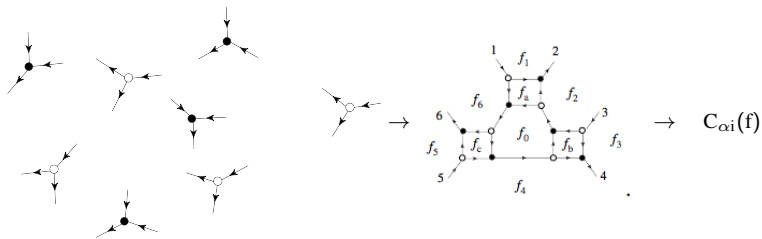
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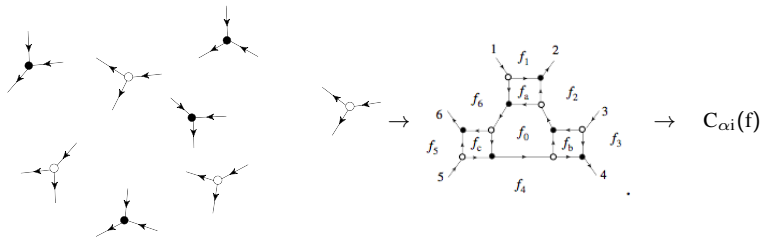


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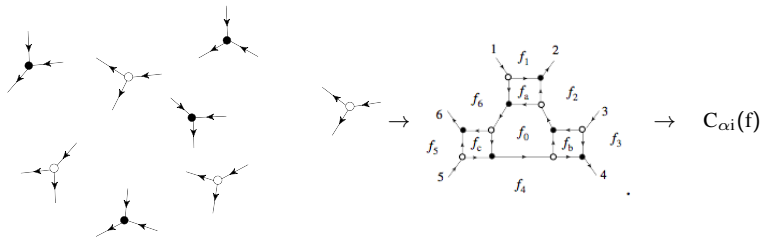


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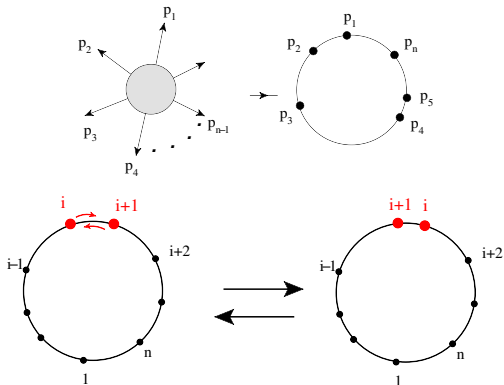
There are two branches in the kinematics as well:

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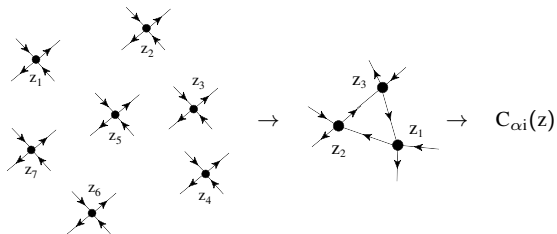
# Why Two Branches of Positive Orthogonal Grassmannian

3D- kinematics is topologically a circle

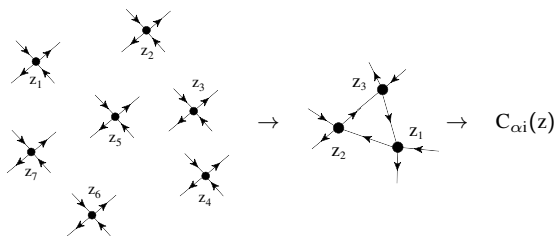
$$p_i = (1, \cos \theta_i, \sin \theta_i)$$



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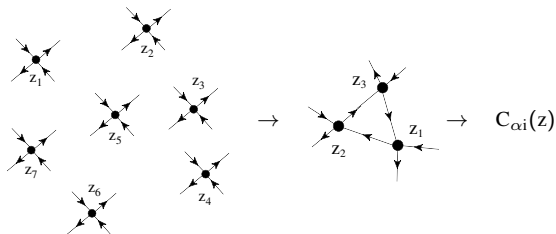
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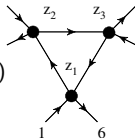
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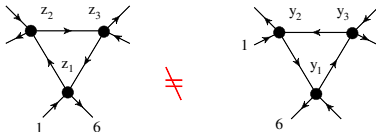


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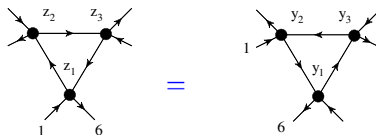


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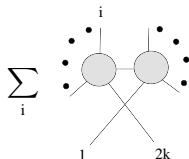
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No new singularities  $0 \leq z \leq \pi/2$ .



# On-shell diagrams in Orthogonal Grassmannian

In general

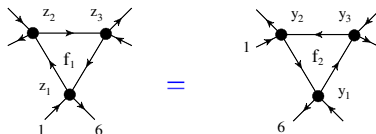


$$\mathcal{A}_n = \sum_{\text{branch}} \sum_{\text{dia}} \int \prod_{i=1}^k d \log \tan_i \mathcal{J} \delta^{2k}(C \cdot \lambda) \delta^{3k}(C \cdot \eta)$$

How to get  $\mathcal{J}$ ?

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$\mathcal{J}$  is naturally associated with faces!

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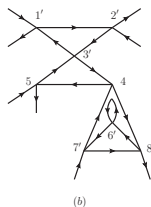
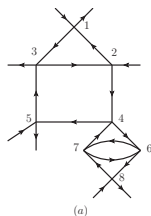
■  $\mathcal{I}_1$ :

$$\mathcal{I}_1 = \sum_{\text{single}} J_i + \sum_{\text{disjoint pairs}} J_i J_j + \sum_{\text{disjoint triples}} J_i J_j J_k + \dots$$

■  $\mathcal{I}_2$ : Two closed loops sharing a single vertex

■  $\mathcal{I}_3$ : Two closed loops sharing two vertices without sharing an edge.

■  $\mathcal{I}_{13}$  and  $\mathcal{I}_{23}$ : The effect of the bigger loop from  $\mathcal{I}_3$ .



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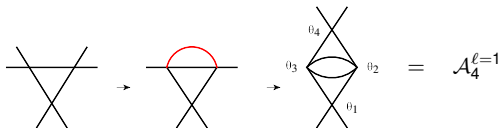
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$$\mathcal{A}_n^l = \sum_{l_1+l_2=l} \sum_{i=4}^{n-2} \text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2}$$

The equation shows the loop-level recursion for the amplitude  $\mathcal{A}_n^l$ . It is expressed as a sum over two terms. The first term is a double sum over  $l_1+l_2=l$  and  $i=4$  to  $n-2$ , followed by a diagram with two loops,  $l_1$  and  $l_2$ , connected to external legs  $1$  and  $n$ . The second term is a diagram with a single loop,  $l-1$ , connected to external legs  $1$  and  $n$ .

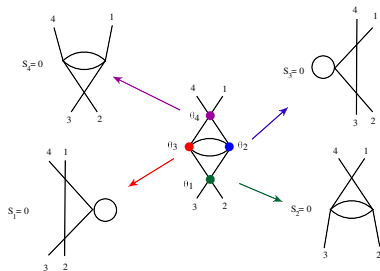
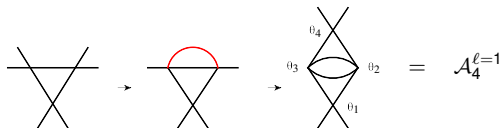
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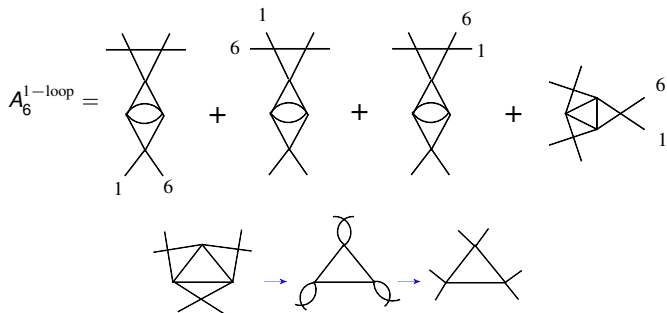


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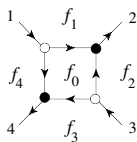
The equation shows eight on-shell diagrams for  $A_6^{2\text{-loop}}$ . The diagrams are: 1) a complex 3D-like structure with a square base and a triangular top; 2) a similar structure with a different top face; 3) a structure with a square base and a triangular top, with a small triangle attached to one side; 4) a structure with a square base and a triangular top, with a small triangle attached to another side; 5) a diamond shape with a square inside; 6) a diamond shape with a square inside, rotated; 7) a diamond shape with a square inside, rotated further; 8) a diamond shape with a square inside, rotated further. The term  $(i \rightarrow i+2)$  indicates a cyclic shift of the external legs.



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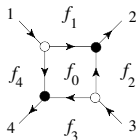
- The solution to BCFW is manifestly cyclic  $i \rightarrow i + 2$
- For each cell, a single chart covers all singularities
- All loop: 4 and 6-point amplitudes is a product of independent  $d \log$
- Proved all physical sing present, spurious cancels

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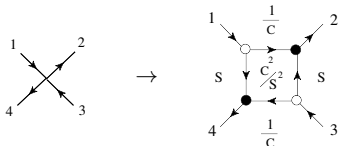
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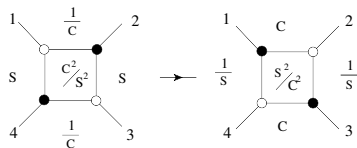


$OG_{2+}$  has an image in  $Gr(2, 4)_+$

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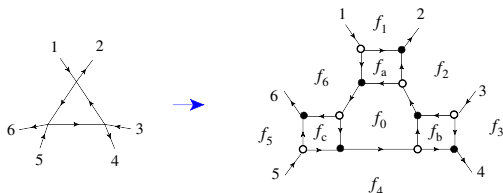
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Cluster transformation:



$$c, s \rightarrow \frac{1}{c}, \frac{1}{s}$$

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$$(f_a, f_b, f_c) = (c_1^2/s_1^2, c_2^2/s_2^2, c_3^2/s_3^2), \quad f_0 = \frac{1}{c_1 c_2 c_3}$$

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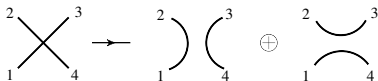
- The variable for the  $k$  new faces is simply  $f = c^2/s^2$ .
- Take a clockwise orientation on each face. The contribution from each vertex is  $1/c$  if one first encounters the black vertex, otherwise the contribution is  $s$ .

# The combinatorics of the cells in Orthogonal Grassmannian

$$k = 2, \quad C_{\alpha i} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \cos z & 0 & -\sin z \\ 0 & \sin z & 1 & \cos z \end{pmatrix}$$

Volume form w. logarithmic singularity at the boundary:  $z = \pi/2, z = 0$

$$\frac{dz}{\cos z \sin z} = d \log \tan z$$









# The combinatorics of the cells in Orthogonal Grassmannian

A generating function for the number of cells [J. Kim, S. Lee](#)

$$T_k(q) = \sum_{l=0}^{k(k-1)/2} T_{k,l} q^l = \frac{1}{(1-q)^k} \sum_{j=-k}^k (-1)^j \binom{2k}{k+j} q^{j(j-1)/2} \quad (1)$$

$l$  = number of vertices. For top-cells the Euler number is always 1

$$T_k(-1) = \sum_{l=0}^{k(k-1)/2} T_{k,l} (-1)^l = 1$$

Poset is Eulerian [Thomas Lam](#)

# Conclusions

- Alternative formulations of scattering amplitudes where Locality and Unitarity are secondary
- Such formulations exposes the close relation between a 4-D CFT and a 3-D CFT.
- Extension to non-CFT and fewer susy feasible.
- Progress in non-planar sector
- Gravity?